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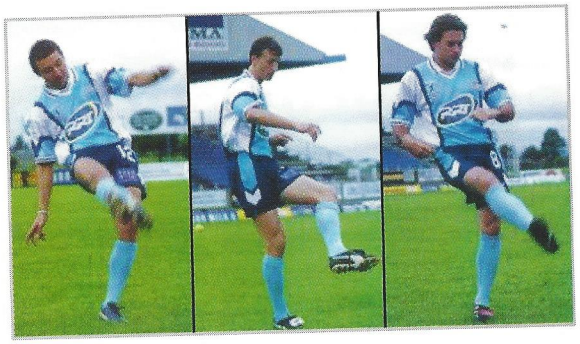

Eastern Pride's inability to gain points when it mattered was tipped to be a problem even from the start of the 2000-2001 NSL season.

It took just a few rounds before the management of the Gippsland-based club decided to get tough, threatening to overhaul the senior squad. It was a time in which directors made it clear what they wanted from the players.

Coach Jeff Hopkins responded, holding a crisis meeting. Even chief executive Peter Quirk described his side's performance as 'not acceptable' and threatened to go out and find 17 new players if he had to.

"Already we have had a number of team meetings, the lads know what they need to do, they have to be more competitive, be first to the ball, factors that go hand in hand with being a successful team," Hopkins said.

"We need to work on shutting down the opposition, provide more support to the guys up front and work hard on the track." Despite the recent form, Hopkins says the mood is still positive.

"Its still early days in terms of the competition, we believe we can reverse our form and be a very competitive outfit for the rest of the season."

On another positive note the club recently signed Marcus Stergiopoulos who returned to Australia after a spell in England. Stergiopoulos returns to Gippsland where he started his career with the Falcons before stints at Carlton and the Kingz in New Zealand.

The wing-back recently spent pre-season with Wimbledon in Nationwide Division One before moving on to to Third Division Lincoln City. "It's going to be a challenge at Eastern Pride, there's no doubt about that," Stergiopoulos said.

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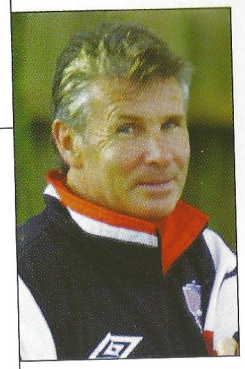

Firstly, I like to thank the supporters for their encouragement towards the players and coaching staff and we prepare for one of the biggest things to happen to the club - the World Club Championship qualifiers, which startsnext month.

Your continued support is much appreciated as we are on the verge of heading overseas.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed that our form will be good and just as importantly, we steer clear of injuries.

Tonight we see Eastern Pride visit WIN Stadium in what will no doubt be a good test of character for us.

The Pride is somewhat of an unknown quality to us yet we are full of confidence that we can pursue a win tonight.

As far as I'm aware we have always scored a good result over our visitors and playing in front of our home crowd and with an in-form team, I see it being no difference tonight.

Once again I thank you for your continued support and wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Player of the Round** (Round 10) - **Matt Horsley

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matt's page

CAPTAIN

Tonight continues another major step towards our title defence. It's games like these against Eastern Pride in which we must pick up three points, and keep our position near the top of the ladder.

But let's not discount the wounded Pride. When teams are down on their luck that's when they can be quickly turn it around with a few good moves - just look at our game against Canberra last month!

In saying this I have no doubt our recent form and professionalism will lift us to victory against the Pride.

We have a big few weeks coming up and a good win this evening would do wonders for our confidence. It all starts from the defence in which I believe is becoming a tighter unit.

It's goods to see the likes of Ben Blake and David Cervinski forming a good partnership at the back. We know we can rely on these two, and the rest of the defence, to put in consistent performaces and when needed give support the midfielders.

A good performance from our reliable defence helps the midfielders and attack gain momentum and ensures we score enough goals on the way to victory tonight.

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Matt Horsley #6

Player of the Round *(Round 10)* **- Matt Horsley**

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chairman's page

JOE CACHIA

I welcome Eastern Pride to Wollongong for what shapes up to be an exciting game this evening.

Without a doubt the club is looking good and I encourage continued positive comments from all areas as a means of support for the boys.

Without the support of the fans, sponsors and management we wouldn't be as strong as we are.

We need you to continue that support as we go in search of yet another victory against Eastern Pride and Football Kingz next week.

We have had a top start to the season with good results coming against quality opposition.

Eastern Pride have been struggling of late but that doesn't mean things will be easy tonight.

We have to work hard to gain something from our visitors.

I wish Eastern Pride an enjoyable time in Wollongong.

Once again, I'd like to extend my appreication to those loyal fans who are at each game, encouraging the boys. Happy New Year to you all!

Man of the Match (Round 10) - Beren Sullivan

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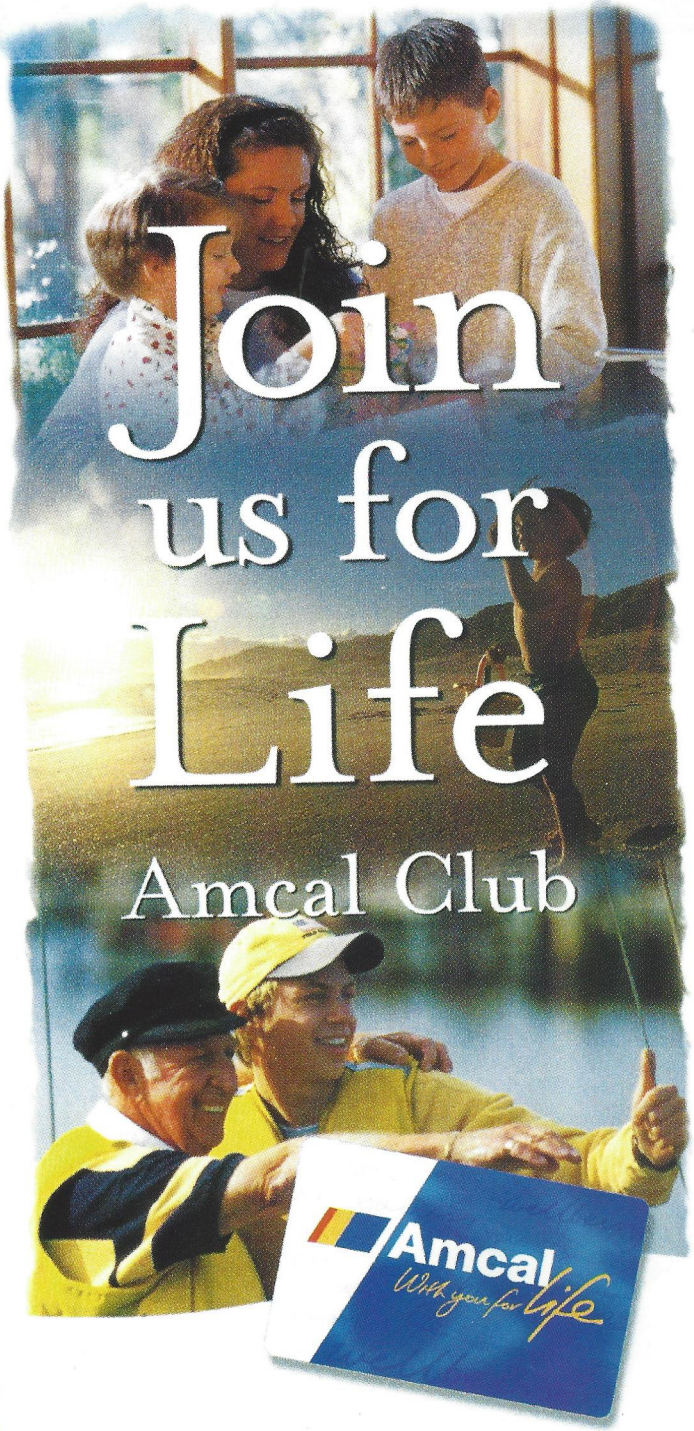

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Position:	Defender Date of Birth: 12/11/69
Height:	6 foot
Weight:	77kg
Former Clubs:	Wollongong Wolves, Melita Eagles
NSL Games:	103
NSL Goals:	1
Wollongong Wolves Games:	50+ games
Wollongong Wolves Goals:	1
Favourite Team:	Manchester United
Favourite Local Player:	Paul Souris
Favourite Overseas Player:	Desailly
Words of Advice:	Work hard nothing is easy
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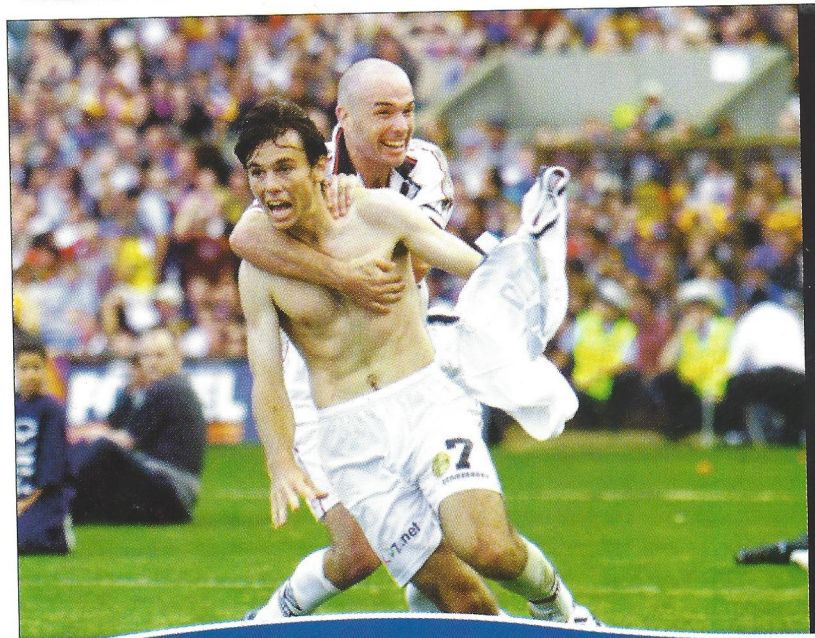

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Team	played	wins	draws	losses	for	against	points
Sydney Olympic	10	6	2	2	17	9	20
Wollongong Wolves	**10**	**6**	**2**	**2**	**19**	**13**	**20**
South Melbourne	10	5	4	1	20	9	19
Perth Glory	9	5	2	2	18	9	17
Parramatta Power	10	5	1	4	16	13	16
Northern Spirit	10	3	5	2	13	9	14
Melbourne Knights	10	4	2	4	15	16	14
Carlton SC	8	3	4	1	13	9	13
Marconi Stallions	10	3	4	3	11	10	13
Adeladie City Force	9	4	1	4	12	16	13
Sydney United	10	3	3	4	13	20	12
Canberra Cosmos	10	3	2	5	18	19	11
Brisbane Strikers	10	2	4	4	13	17	10
Football Kingz	10	2	3	5	14	20	9
Newcastle United	10	1	4	5	6	19	7
Eastern Pride	10	0	3	7	11	21	3

Other matches this round *(home team listed first);*

Fri 29th Parramatta Power vs Northern Spirit
Fri 29th Newcastle United vs Sydney United
Sat 30th Brisbane Strikers vs Adelaide City Force
Sat 30th Canberra Cosmos vs Football Kingz
Sat 30th Melbourne Knights vs Perth Glory
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Round	Date	Day	Against	Time	Venue	Score
1	**14/10/00**	**Saturday**	**Perth Glory**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**1-1**
2	22/10/00	Sunday	Carlton SC	3.00pm	Bob Jane Stadium	2-2
3	**28/10/00**	**Saturday**	**Marconi Stallions**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**1-0**
4	5/11/00	Sunday	Melbourne Knights	6.00pm	Knights Stadium	2-1
5	**11/11/00**	**Saturday**	**Brisbane Strikers**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**2-1**
6	19/11/00	Sunday	Parramatta Power	4.00pm	Parramatta Stadium	2-0
7	**24/11/00**	**Friday**	**Canberra Cosmos**	**7.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**2-3**
8	1/12/00	Friday	Newcastle United	7.30pm	Marathon Stadium	3-1
9	10/12/00	Sunday	South Melbourne	5.00pm	Bob Jane Stadium	2-4
10	**16/12/00**	**Saturday**	**Sydney United**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**2-0**
11	23/12/00	Saturday	Sydney Olympic	6.30pm	Belmore Sports Ground	
12	**29/12/00**	**Friday**	**Eastern Pride**	**7.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	
13	**5/1/01**	**Friday**	**Kingz FC**	**7.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	
14	**TBA**	**TBA**	**Northern Spirit**	**TBA**	**Win Stadium**	
15	TBA	TBA	Adelaide City Force	TBA	Hindmarsh Stadium	
16	27/1/01	Saturday	Perth Glory	7.00pm	Perth Oval	
17	**3/2/01**	**Saturday**	**Carlton SC**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	
18	10/2/01	Saturday	Marconi Stallions	7.00pm	Marconi Stadium	
19	**17/2/01**	**Saturday**	**Melbourne Knights**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	
20	25/2/01	Sunday	Brisbane Strikers	6.00pm	Suncorp Stadium	
21	**3/3/01**	**Saturday**	**Parramatta Power**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	
22	10/3/01	Saturday	Canberra Cosmos	6.30pm	Bruce Stadium	
23	**16/3/01**	**Friday**	**Newcastle United**	**7.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	
24	**23/3/01**	**Friday**	**South Melbourne**	**7.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	
25	1/4/01	Sunday	Sydney United	3.00pm	Sydney United Sports Centre	
26	**7/4/01**	**Saturday**	**Sydney Olympic**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	
27	14/4/01	Saturday	Eastern Pride	7.00pm	Mobil Park	
28	21/4/01	Saturday	Kingz FC	6.30pm	Ericsson Stadium	
29	25/4/01	Wednesday	Northern Spirit	3.00pm	North Sydeny Oval	
30	**29/4/01**	**Sunday**	**Adelaide City Force**	**3.00pm**	**Win Stadium**	

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Eastern Pride 0
Venue: Carrington Oval, Bathurst **Referee:** Matthew Breeze **Crowd:** est. 2,100

Canberra Cosmos 2 **Goals by:** N. Imaya 43', 46'
Sydney Olympic 3 **Goals by:** G. Owens 35', F. Parisi 66', 70'
Venue: Bruce Stadium **Referee:** Jeremy Blaney **Crowd:** 2,011

Brisbane Strikers 1 **Goals by:** P. Foster 71'
Football Kingz 1 **Goals by:** W. Rufer 47'
Venue: Suncorp Metway Stadium **Referee:** Kevin Scott **Crowd:** 2,665

Wollongong Wolves 2 **Goals by:** S. Petrovski 49', A. Ceccoli 80'
Sydney United 0
Venue: WIN Stadium **Referee:** Gerry Connolly **Crowd:** 3,339

Marconi Stallions 0
Adelaide City Force 2 **Goals by:** C. Pelosi 58', 81'
Venue: Marconi Stadium **Referee:** Brett Hugo **Crowd:** 2,981

Melbourne Knights 1 **Goals by:** J. Porter 65'
Northern Spirit 1 **Goals by:** B. Burgess 48'
Venue: Knights Stadium **Referee:** Eddie Lennie **Crowd:** 4,320

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3 Alvin Ceccoli
4 Robert Stanton
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2 Dean Fak
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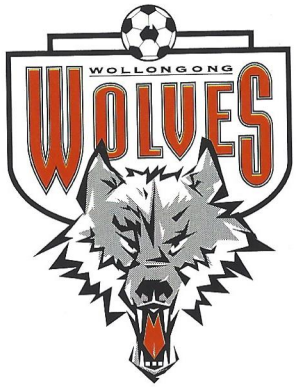

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The Wollongong Wolves

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questionnaire WITH ROBBIE STANTON

Robbie Stanton has become an experienced campaigner with the Wollongong Wolves.

He played a major role in last season's grand final, where he marshalled the defence ensuring no goals were conceded in the second half and extra-time. He's also a very talented player and shows a genuine love for the game, as matchday program contributor Nathan Simpson found out.

You played in all 38 games last season but suddenly found yourself on the bench for the opening five rounds this season? How did you react to this?

I had suffered a calf strain in pre-season so I only had limited time on the field. The problem continued, not as bad, for the opening few rounds of the NSL and I justifiably found myself on the bench. I didn't mind taking a step back but now I'm back, and fully-fit.

You're not a recognised goal-scorer but have already scored a handful of goals this season. What's the feeling like when the see the ball hit the back of the net?

It's a good feeling and it certainly gets the adrenelin running. David Huxley scored a goal a few weeks back and didn't know how to celebrate... I find myself in the same situation!

You live and work in Sydney, and have played for Marconi and Sydney United, yet have spent much of your career with Wollongong. Why?

Mmmm... I really don't know why but I know it's been the best move I've ever made. Things didn't feel right at Marconi and an opportunity came along to move to Wollongong. I feel very comfortable playing with the club and it's great to see such a small community get behind their team. I guess it's that reason I play for Wollongong... it's a great community.

What was it like to play such an important role in Wollongong's grand final-winning team last season?

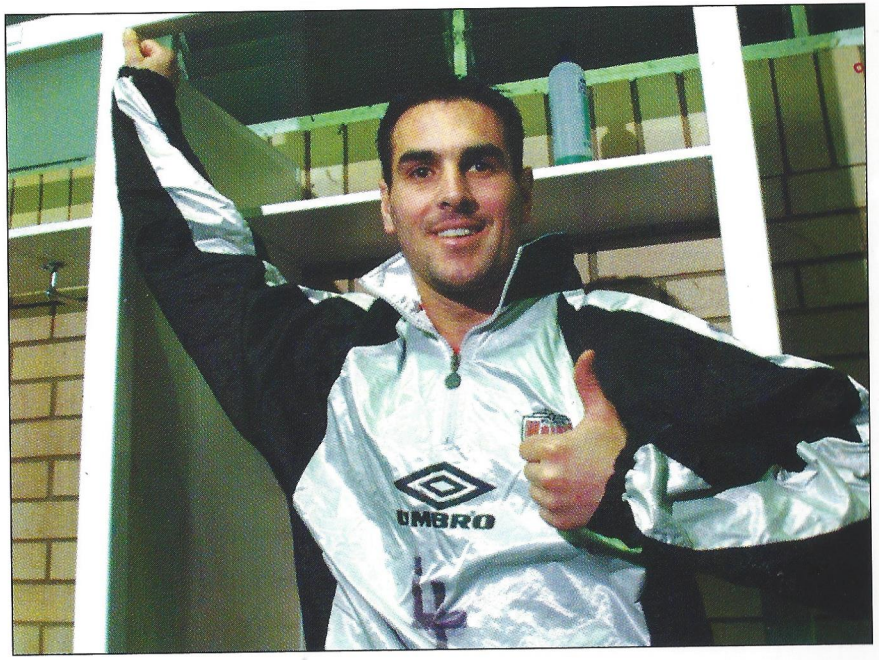
Unexplainable. It's the stuff all players dream about... winning a grand final the way we did. It was a tremendous feeling. Even when we were down 3-0 at half-time we were optimistic. I guess that's typical of Wollongong. That game will be something I will always remember. It was great for Wollongong and for the game. I love talking about it!

What type of role on the field would you like to continue playing with the Wolves? Midfield? Defender? Sweeper?... And why?

Because I've been in and out of the team since the start of the season some people have suggested I could be on the outer... but that is not true. We have a quality team and whenever someone is injured or suspended it's difficult for them to get their place back in the side. I'm happy to play anywhere on the field, as long as I'm in the starting eleven.

The next few weeks will be a tough test for the club, mixing league games with the Oceania World Club qualifiers. What do you need to do to bring the best out in your game?

I'm hungry for success and as a team we're good enough to get on top of what will be a busy schedule. We'll be training hard and we'll be training in the heat. Teams will be wanting to knock us off but the important thing is to remain in the Top 6 in the league and qualify for the WCC. South Melbourne found it difficult last season but we're not looking at it as difficult, rather at time for more success.



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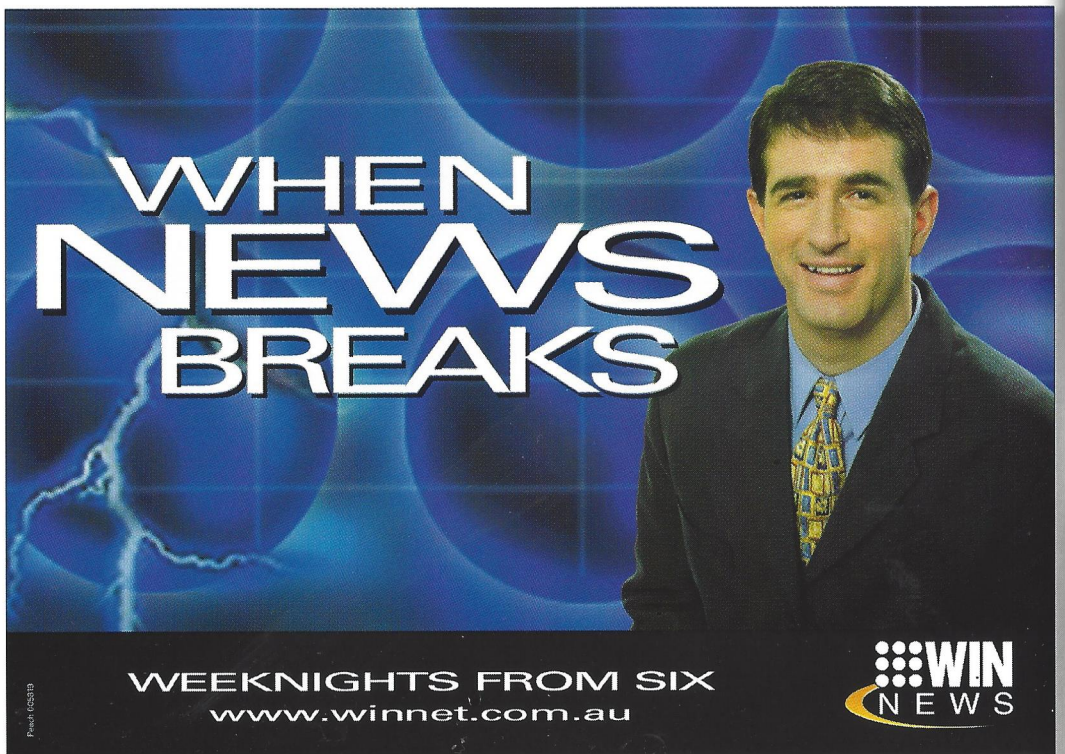

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peep into the past

BY PHIL MURPHY

Jock Morlando was part of the Wolves setup when the club started off back in 1981.

As a teenager, he had been playing with the St George youth team but his ambition was to be part of the NSL.

Morlando was walking along a street in Wollongong one day late in 1980 when he recognised the Wolves coach, Ken Morton, walking towards him.

He introduced himself and asked for a trial.

"Training starts on Tuesday night - see you there," was Morton's reply.

Morlando did turn up and he obviously impressed Morton.

In the club's first season, he made six senior appearances and finished his NSL career at the Wolves with more than 120 first grade games.

In that first season, Morlando suffered a frustrating period.

He had played against Brisbane City in Brisbane and picked up the man of the match award.

The following week he was out of the team because Jeff Ainsworth had arrived from England to take over the fullback role.

Morlando was a key player for the Wolves over the years and he left for two seasons to play with Fairy Meadow.

He was then back with the Wolves and helped them win a place back in the NSL in 1988.

Morlando was in the side which won the championship and later beat Canberra 2-0 in the grand final at Parramatta Stadium.

He left the NSL at the end of the 1992-93 season after acting as assistant coach to Ratcliffe.

After six very successful seasons with Port Kembla, he became player-coach of Balgownie.

He guided that club into the Premier League last season and is confident it will consolidate a mid-table position.

The following year, he hopes Balgownie will make a major impact.

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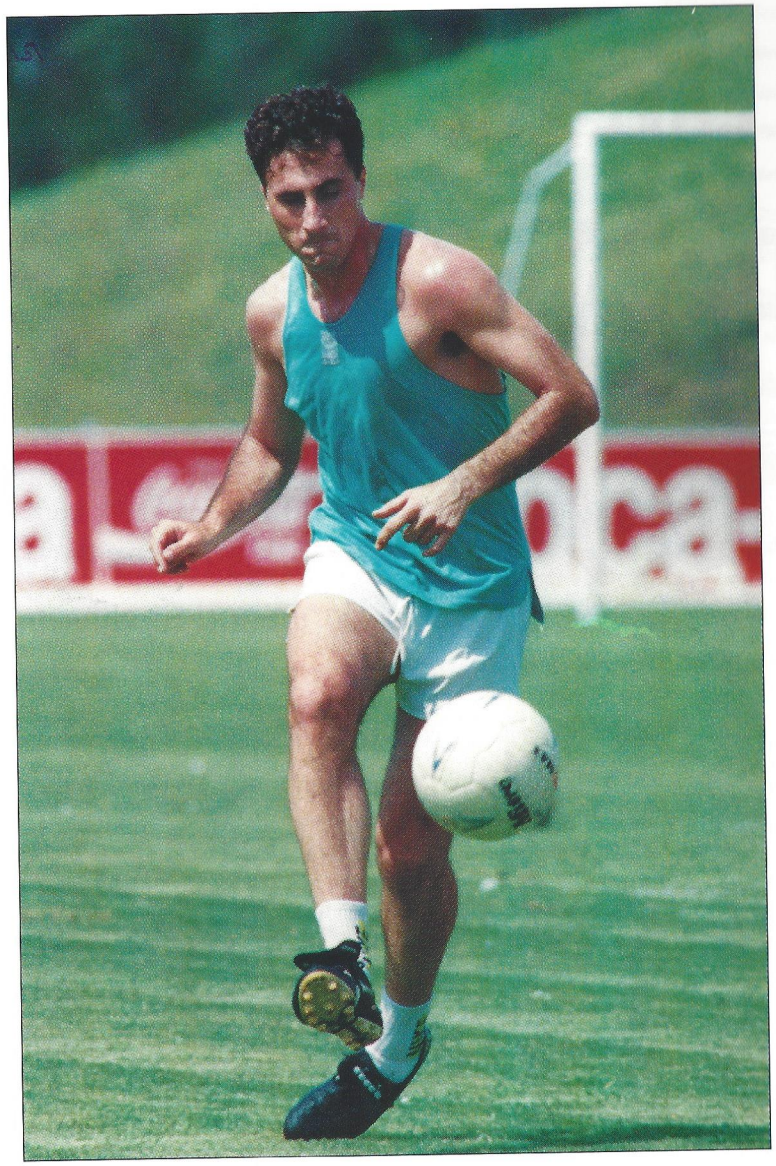
Away from soccer, Morlando works as an executive with a major engineering company and he was recently elected president of the powerful Fraternity Bowling Club.

The club is a major sponsor of the Wolves so Morlando has retained his association with the club.



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The boys confronted a strong Sydney United outfit, who were on a three game winning streak, and our boys a two game losing streak. It was a true test of character for our boys. An important three points to stay in contention with the league leaders. After just 3 minutes into the game and we were 1-0 up with good play from the right flank from a great cross from Beren Sullivan who with some forward pressure from Jay Lucas, the defender had no chance and put the ball in the back of the net.

In the second half the team continued in the confident mood and with forward play again and it was Danny Aldridge who was fouled in the box, and it was a penalty.

Chad Bishop converted easily and made it 2-0. By this stage the boys took control of the match.

At the back with Harvey Rodriguex, Steve Markovski, Steven Dimitrievski had the ball on a string. Then with early play of the balls from midfielder George Nohra, to our striker force of Chad Bishop who truly showed his worth in this game. May this continue, which will give Ron Corry some hard decisions to make. Our third goal to complete the finishing touches to the game came from Danny Aldridge who drove a ball from 20 metres out and made it 3-0.

Overall a good performance from the boys. Welcome back Jay Lucas from the Joeys and he too put in a workman like performance to benefit the team.

May this performance continue in the next couple of weeks as harder games are upon us.

May I wish all our supporters all the very best for Christmas and hope you all the very best for Christmas and hope you all have a prosperous and safe New year, and see you all at our next home game.

Many thanks

Eddie Tesoro

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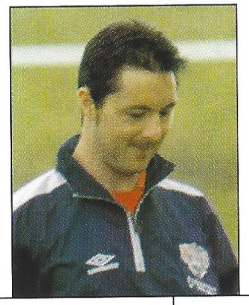
DAVID HUXLEY



Name:	David John Huxley
Nickname:	Hux
Position:	Midfielder/Defender
Date of Birth:	16/10/76
Height:	6ft
Weight:	80kg
Former Clubs:	Parramatta Melita
NSL Debut:	1997/98
NSL Games:	78
NSL Goals:	1
Wollongong Wolves Debut:	1997/98
Wollongong Wolves Games:	78
Wollongong Wolves Goals:	1
Favourite Team:	Liverpool FC
Favourite Local Player:	George Souris
Favourite Overseas Player:	Paul Scholes
Words of Advice:	Train hard and listen to your coach.
Favourite Food:	Pasta and steak
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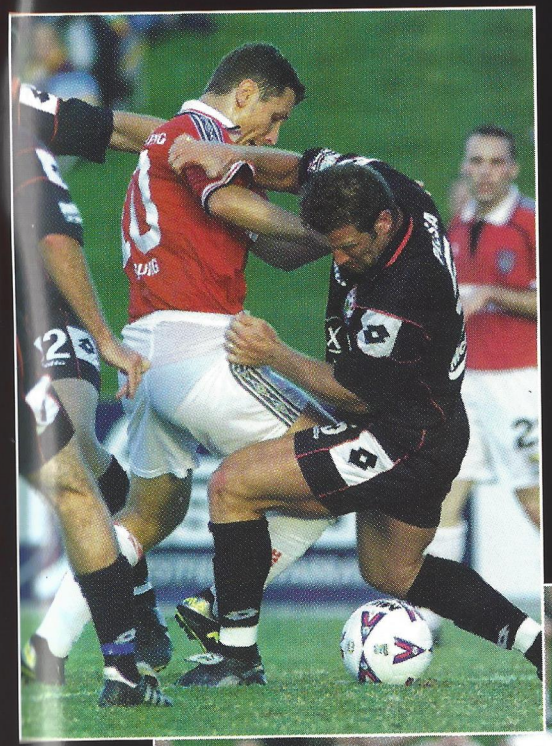
Times have changed since David Cervinski, Ben Blake, Stuart Young and Max Nicholson played in the Singapore League. When the new season commences all players must undergo a lie-detector test before every game. This is due to recent match-fixing claims!

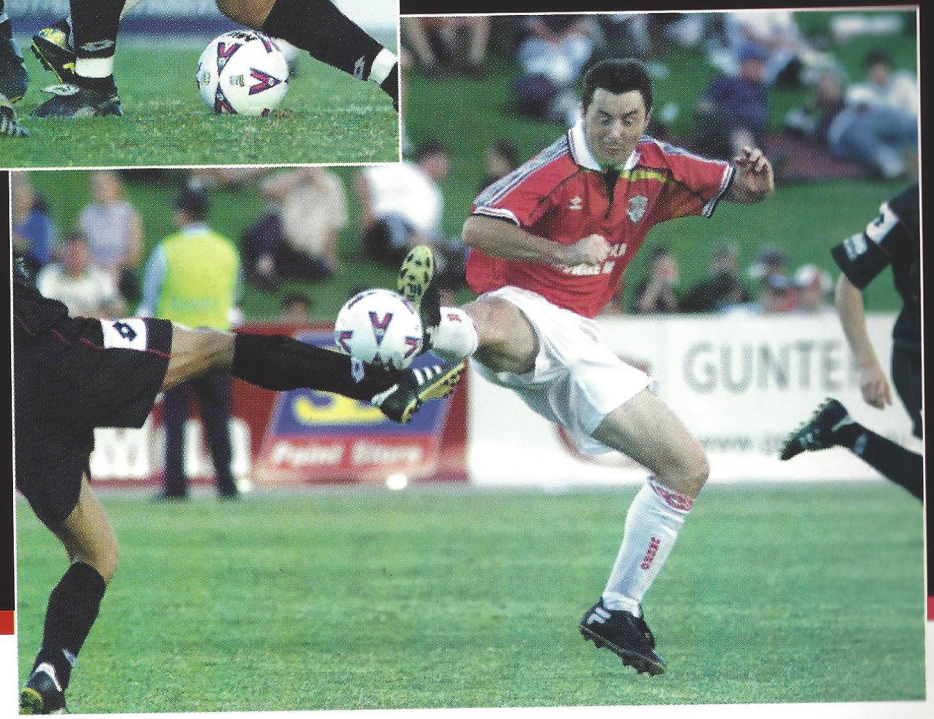
Good news for Matt Horsley last week when his three-year UNO suspension came to an end. The card game is very popular among players on away trips but unfortunately Matt was caught cheating whilst on a trip to Brisbane in 1998. The players immediately handed down the ban which meant Matt had to purchase a hand-held Nintendo to keep himself amused for the past three years. He's now back and searching for his first UNO win.

Still on UNO and the players converged on George Souris's room on a recent away trip for a lengthy game. The action was fast and furious and at times resembled the world championship of UNO. Such was the concentration and pace of the games the players ordered numerous servings of sweets and drinks from room service. Unfortunately for George, he copped the bill!

The players have become accustomed to steering clear of Robbie Stanton whenever he scores a goal. The reliable defender rarely scores but has somehow notched a handful this season. It seems whenever Stanton does find the net he likes his teammates to steer clear, refusing to shake their hands as he heads over to claim the glory for himself from the crowd - all in good humour of course!

Highlights of the Wolves vs Sydney United match *Photos courtesy of Andy Zakeli*





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By PHIL MURPHY

Winger Rade Stefanovski was sent from the field early in the second half but that didn't stop the battling BHP Wolves beating Newcastle 2-1 in pouring rain at Wollongong Showground on Saturday night.

The Wolves have kept their State Bank Soccer title hopes alive but things looked grim when referee Alex Spirovski showed the red card to Stefanovski just 15 minutes into the second half.

Spirovski ruled the Wollongong player had sworn at a linesman and this brought immediate protests from his team-mates.

Two players close to the incident were adamant Stefanovski swore but only because he was angry with himself for losing the ball.

It was the second time Stefanovski has been sent from the field this season but coach John Fleming said he must have been desperately unlucky.

"All players swear in the heat of a game and Stefanovski says there was no way he directed his abuse at the linesman," Fleming said.

When Stefanovski made the long trek to the dressing room the score was 1-1 but the Wolves had been by far the better team.

They had looked far stronger in every department and from the start it seemed obvious the only way Newcastle would score was if a goal was presented to them.

It was a night to remember when the battling BHP Wolves beat Newcastle 2-1 in pouring rain at Wollongong Showground (now WIN Stadium) on May 4, 1987.

The Wolves did it without winger Rade Stefanovski who was sent off 15 minutes into the second half.

When Stefanovski made the long trek to the dressing room the score was 1-1 but the Wolves had been by far the better team.

Despite being short-handed over the last 30 minutes, Wollongong still looked easily the better side with midfielders Jeff Ainsworth, Zivko Hristovski and Bryan Cokely covering plenty of territory to contain any thoughts Newcastle had of a fightback.

The all-important winning goal came two minutes after Stefanovski was sent off and was a great individual effort from Randell Easthorpe. He weaved his way around four defenders in the box before sliding the ball past the goalkeeper.

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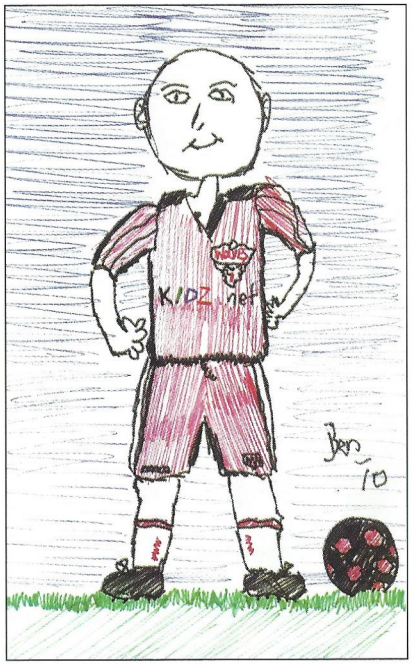

Ben Gray, 10, from Mt Ousley was the artist behind this fabulous drawing. We don't exactly know which player it is but gathering by the minimal hair on top we think it's Matt Horsley.

A special thanks to ***Rachel Brady,*** 8, from Warilla for this fantastic drawing. We hope Rachel had a Merry Christmas.

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